News Bulletins in Cuttack Doordarshan Kendra

1632. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Cuttack Doordarshan Kendra News bulletins go without required visuals and inadequate visuals as ENG cameras are not available there;

(b) if so, what is the reason therefor; and

(c) by when the necessary equipments are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) Doordarshan have deployed one ENG camera unit at Doordarshan Kendra, Cuttack for daily news coverages. The Kendra also at times meets its visual requirements through audio visual unit of the State Government of Orissa.

News item captioned "poor phone service hits H P. Tourism"

1633. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'poor phone service hits H.P. Tourism' published in the Tribune dated 13th June, 1990:

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the telephone service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is true that:

(i) Trunk services to Manali are sometimes disrupted due to natural hazards like heavy rains, snow and landslides.

(ii) There is a electro-mechanical exchange of 6600 lines working at Shimla which is very old;

(iii) Rampur was connected via a portable satellite earth terminal temporarily. This has been withdrawn.

(c) In additional to normal measure to improve the services provision has been made in the 8th Five Year Plan to:

(i) provide stable communication satellite link for manali.

(ii) replace the existing electromechanical exchange at Shimla by electronic exchange during 1991-92.

(iii) commissioning of the satellite earth station at Rampur again.

Meeting of National Integration Council

1634. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when the meeting of the National Integration Council was held last and when the next meeting is likely to be held; and

(b) the progress made in respect of the schemes suggested by the Council to promote national integration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Last meeting of National Integration Council was held on 11.4.1990 and the next meeting is scheduled to be held on 22.9.1990.

(b) In the last meeting a Resolution was adopted unanimously by the National Integration Council and a